

## Tennessee's Watershed Management Program

Everyone is encouraged to see the most recent Watershed Water Quality Management Plans at [www.tdec.net/wpc/watershed](http://www.tdec.net/wpc/watershed). The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation also makes it easy for citizens to learn about and discuss their watershed of interest. Once a year, TDEC holds meetings in the watershed to hear from the people who live there and to share the latest information from the water specialists at the department.

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## Other Helpful Watershed Resources

Center for Watershed Protection [www.cwp.org](http://www.cwp.org)  
River Network [www.rivernetwork.org](http://www.rivernetwork.org)  
Southeast Watershed Forum [www.southeastwaterforum.org](http://www.southeastwaterforum.org)  
Tennessee WaterWorks! [www.tennesseewaterworks.com](http://www.tennesseewaterworks.com)  
TVA Watershed Teams [www.tva.com](http://www.tva.com)  
Tennessee Department of Agriculture Non-point Source Program  
[www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/nps](http://www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/nps)  
U. S. EPA Surf Your Watershed Program [www.epa.gov/surf](http://www.epa.gov/surf)

## 10 Things You Can Do to Protect Your Watershed

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads.
- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Plant grass or plants on the bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

## The Tennessee Department of Transportation and Department of Environment and Conservation have partnered to bring you a sign of the times...



Watershed signs have been placed along Tennessee roadways to increase public awareness about the importance of watersheds and to encourage good stewardship of the state's valuable rivers, streams, wetlands, lakes and ground water.

Everyone lives in a watershed.  
*Do you know what watershed  
you live, work or play in?*

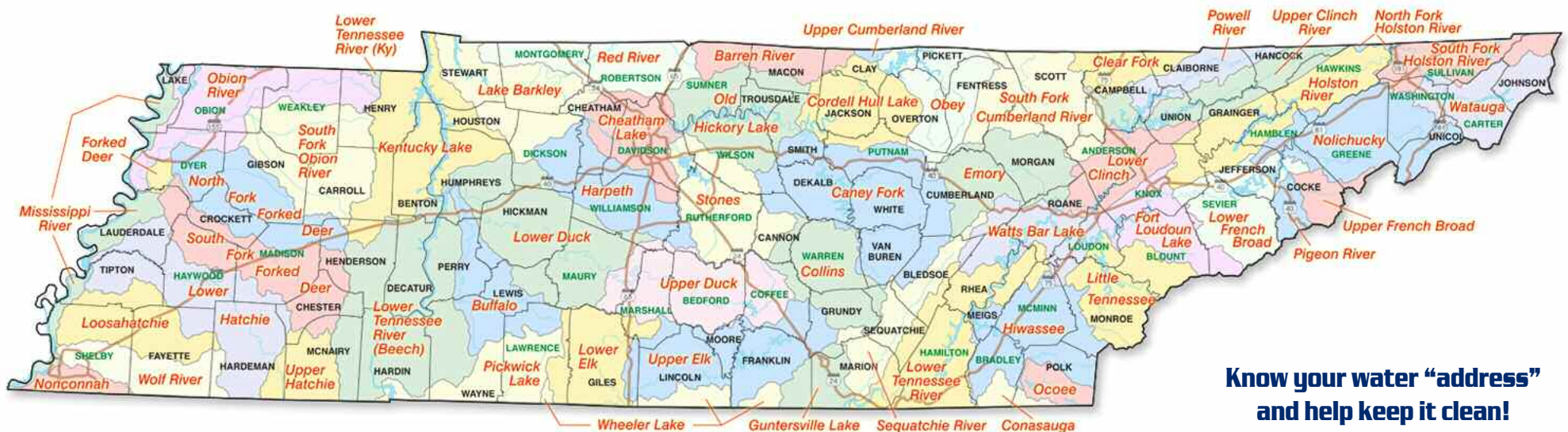


# What is a watershed?

A watershed is the entire land area that drains into a lake, river or other water body. Watersheds can be small, like the area that drains into a neighborhood creek, or large, like all the area that drains into a large river.



## Tennessee's 55 Watersheds



**Know your water “address”  
and help keep it clean!**

## Quick Facts About Tennessee's Watersheds:

- There are 55 watersheds in Tennessee.
- Tennessee shares parts of 35 watersheds with our neighboring states. That means that almost two-thirds of our watersheds have streams entering or leaving Tennessee.
- Every watershed except the Conasauga River in southeast Tennessee drains directly or indirectly to the Mississippi River.

## How can you find out about a watershed of interest?

- Check the map below to find the watershed you live, work or play in.
- The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation provides a variety of online water resources at [www.tdec.net/water](http://www.tdec.net/water).
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency offers *Surf Your Watershed* at [www.epa.gov/surf](http://www.epa.gov/surf). *Surf Your Watershed* is a service to help you locate, use, and share environmental information about your state and watershed.